

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-20. (Canceled).

21. (New) A distributed-information management method for distributing information to a plurality of mobile terminals from an information distribution server via a network, the mobile terminal including a memory for storing a program and a processing device, the distributed-information management method comprising:

monitoring a situation of the mobile terminal under control of the processing device in accordance with the program and detecting arrival of a timing for distributing information set to the mobile terminal as a result of monitoring the mobile terminal;

transmitting, to the information distribution server, a request for distributing the information based on preset contents of the distributed information under the control of the processing device in accordance with the program stored in the mobile terminal;

receiving the information distributed from the information distribution server in response to the request for distributing the information at the mobile terminal; and,

outputting the received information to an interface for outputting the information under the control of the processing device in accordance with the program stored in the mobile terminal;

wherein the processing device starts a waiting program that is stored in the memory, is included in the program, and controls a waiting screen on the mobile terminal upon detecting the arrival of the timing for distributing the information in accordance with the program;

wherein the processing device transmits the request for distributing the information in accordance with the waiting program; and

wherein the processing device outputs the distributed information to the waiting screen as the output interface for outputting the distributed information in accordance with the waiting program.

22. (New) The distributed-information management method according to Claim 21, wherein the processing device monitors an operation situation of the mobile terminal, as the situation of the mobile terminal, in accordance with the program, and detects the arrival of the timing for distributing the information by generation of the operation situation that satisfies predetermined criteria for the mobile terminal.

23. (New) The distributed-information management method according to Claim 22, wherein the processing device monitors, as the operation situation, the presence or absence of calls, the amount of traffic, and the amount of various processed data using the mobile terminal in accordance with the program with the mobile terminal.

24. (New) The distributed-information management method according to Claim 21, wherein the processing device detects the arrival of the timing for distributing the information on the basis of reception from the information distribution server in accordance with the program with the mobile terminal.

25. (New) The distributed-information management method according to Claim 21, wherein an operating system, a processing program, the program, and the priority of the program and the processing program are stored to the memory with the mobile terminal, and

processing of the program and the processing program is executed in accordance with the priority thereof under the operating system with the mobile terminal.

26. (New) The distributed-information management method according to Claim 25, wherein the processing under the program is interrupted and the

processing program is started, upon detecting a request for processing the processing program during processing of the program under the operating system with the mobile terminal.

27. (New) The distributed-information management method according to Claim 26, wherein the processing program includes a processing program for accomplishing functions of a phone and e-mail with the mobile terminal.

28. (New) The distributed-information management method according to Claim 21, wherein the request for distributing the information has a user ID for identifying a user of the mobile terminal.

29. (New) A distributed-information management method for distributing information to a plurality of mobile terminals from an information distribution server via a network, the mobile terminal including a memory for storing a program and a processing device, the distributed-information management method comprising:

monitoring a situation of the mobile terminal under control of the processing device in accordance with the program and detecting arrival of a timing for distributing information set to the mobile terminal as a result of monitoring the mobile terminal;

transmitting, to the information distribution server, a request for distributing the information based on preset contents of the distributed information under the control of the processing device in accordance with the program stored in the mobile terminal;

receiving the information distributed from the information distribution server in response to the request for distributing the information at the mobile terminal; and,

outputting the received information to an interface for outputting the information under the control of the processing device in accordance with the program stored in the mobile terminal;

wherein the processing device receives a request for changing an output form of the output information in accordance with the program via an input interface of the mobile terminal, and

the processing device changes an output form of the distributed information in response to the request for distributing the information in accordance with the program, and outputs the changed output to an output interface of the mobile terminal.

30. (New) A mobile terminal apparatus for receiving information distributed from an information distribution server via a network, comprising a memory for storing a program and a processing device,

wherein a situation of the mobile terminal is monitored under control of the processing device in accordance with the program and arrival of a timing for distributing information set to the mobile terminal apparatus is detected as the monitoring result,

a request for distributing the information based on preset contents of the distributed information is transmitted to the information distribution server under the control of the processing device in accordance with the program,

the information distributed from the information distribution server is received in response to the request for distributing the information,

the received information is output to an interface for outputting the information under the control of the processing device in accordance with the program,

the processing device starts a waiting program that is stored in the memory, is included in the program, and controls a waiting screen on the mobile terminal, upon detecting the arrival of the timing for distributing the information in accordance with the program,

the processing device transmits the request for distributing the information in accordance with the waiting program, and

the processing device outputs the distributed information to a waiting screen as the output interface for outputting the distributed information in accordance with the waiting program.

31. (New) The mobile terminal apparatus according to Claim 30, wherein the processing device monitors an operation situation of the mobile terminal, as the situation of the mobile terminal, in accordance with the program, and detects the arrival of the timing for distributing the information by generation of the operation situation that satisfies predetermined criteria for the mobile terminal.

32. (New) The mobile terminal apparatus according to Claim 31, wherein the processing device monitors, as the operation situation, the presence or absence of calls, the amount of traffic, and the amount of various processed data using the mobile terminal in accordance with the program.

33. (New) The mobile terminal apparatus according to Claim 30, wherein the processing device detects the arrival of the timing for distributing the information on the basis of reception from the information distribution server in accordance with the program.

34. (New) The mobile terminal apparatus according to Claim 30, wherein an operating system, a processing program, the program, and the priority of the program and the processing program are stored to the memory, and
processing of the program and the processing program is executed in accordance with the priority thereof under the operating system.

35. (New) The mobile terminal apparatus according to Claim 34, wherein the processing under the program is interrupted and the processing program is started, upon detecting a request for processing the processing program during processing of the program under the operating system.

36. (New) The mobile terminal apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein the processing program includes a processing program for accomplishing functions of a phone and e-mail.

37. (New) The mobile terminal apparatus according to Claim 30, wherein the request for distributing the information having a user ID for identifying a user of the mobile terminal is transmitted.

38. (New) A mobile terminal apparatus for receiving information distributed from an information distribution server via a network, comprising a memory for storing a program and a processing device,

wherein a situation of the mobile terminal is monitored under control of the processing device in accordance with the program and arrival of a timing for distributing information set to the mobile terminal apparatus is detected as the monitoring result,

a request for distributing the information based on preset contents of the distributed information is transmitted to the information distribution server under the control of the processing device in accordance with the program,

the information distributed from the information distribution server is received in response to the request for distributing the information,

the received information is output to an interface for outputting the information under the control of the processing device in accordance with the program,

the processing device receives a request for changing an output form of the output information in accordance with the program via an input interface, and

the processing device changes an output form of the distributed information in response to the request for distributing the information in accordance with the program, and outputs the changed output to an output interface.